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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENTS

<u>√</u>	If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted
	herewith.

1. If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 11, 15 and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 17, 18 and 19 add new claims 20 and 21 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

If checked, the optional complete set of	"clean"	claims pursuant	10 3 / 1	C.F.K. 9
1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.				

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